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In re application of

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Keiji YURUGI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/982,861

Group Art Unit: 1621

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Examiner: Karl J. PUTTLITZ

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For: COMPOSITION OF VINYL ELTHER GROUP-CONTAINING (METH) ACRYLIC
ACID ESTER AND RODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith. The documents were cited in an Office Action dated March 28, 2007 issued in Divisional Application No. 11/552,486.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of the Non-Final Office Action of November 28, 2006, (the earlier Final Office Action of July 24, 2006 was overcome by the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed October 24, 2006) in reply to which a responsive Amendment was timely filed on March 27, 2007. Therefore Applicant is

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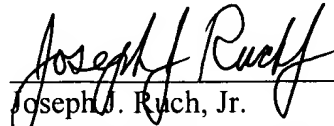
submitting herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). A fee is not believed to be due; however, if necessary, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the Office Action of March 28, 2007, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

Applicant notes that two of the six documents cited in the Office Action, viz., US '256 and GB '304, were previously listed on Form PTO/SB/08 A&B in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 12, 2002. Applicant also notes that U.S. '146 and the Trifimov et al (non-patent literature document) were cited by the Examiner in previous Office Actions.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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